

Frequently Asked Questions – 2015-2016 ACT Administration

- Q: Will students who took the ACT prior to grade 11 be required to participate in the statewide administration of ACT?
- A: Yes. All grade 11 students enrolled in Missouri public schools must participate in the statewide ACT Plus Writing in order to provide complete data. Students may, however, continue to take the ACT outside of the statewide administration throughout their high school career.
- Q: Will the statewide administration of ACT include writing?
- A: Yes. Missouri has contracted for administration of the ACT Plus Writing.
- Q: Will ACT compensate district-level testing staff for activities related to ACT training and administration?
- A: No. ACT will not compensate district-level testing staff.
- Q: Will students be able to have scores from the statewide administration of ACT sent to colleges/universities of their choice?
- A: Yes. The ACT student answer document allows for students to add up to 4 organization codes that they would like their scores sent. This could be either a school, member of congress or scholarship opportunity. The student can request their scores be sent any time after testing to as many institutions they would like at a cost of \$12/score, if done online. It is important to note that if a student provides a code on the Answer Folder for an institution, it is not possible to change that request after testing.
- Q: Will the statewide ACT administration be acceptable to the NCAA?
- A: Yes.
- Q: How will students receive their individual student reports?
- A: 3 to 8 weeks after testing, a score report will be mailed to the student's home. One week following the receipt of the paper copy the student will be able to log online and review their schools.
- Q: Will ACT provide district-level summary reports for the ACT statewide administration.
- A: Yes. Districts will receive ACT Profile Reports for each high school, and the district, as well as a Student Data File that will include all college-reportable scores for all participating students.
- Q: Will the statewide administration of ACT be online or paper/pencil?
- A: In 2016, schools may choose either paper/pencil or online. All students in a school building have to take the test in the same form, except for students with accommodations, they may test online or paper/pencil.

Q: What are the requirements for online ACT testing?

A: Please refer to the technical specifications at <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act-educator/about-the-act/continuous-improvement/WhatsnextFAQ.html> for information on system requirements

Q: How will the ACT contribute to accountability determinations?

A:

1. All grade 11 students who participate in the census administration will receive a valid ACT score and at least a 0.25 student weight in Standard 3*1-3 upon graduation.
2. The 11th grade census ACT administration will produce two reportable items, a participation rate and an average composite score, that will appear on the APR Summary Data page and the District Report Card beginning with the 2015 reports.
3. When calculating the participation rate, the group of total will be composed of all grade 11 students minus any MAP-Alternate students and any students who have resided within the United States for less than a year.
4. The participation rate may be considered in the classification of Accredited with Distinction.

Q: Are accommodations available for students who have IEPs and or 504 plans?

A: ACT provides a variety of approved accommodations for students with IEPs and 504 plans. Assessments administered using ACT approved accommodations will result in college reportable ACT scores. Form D of a student's IEP should reflect appropriate ACT-approved accommodations that will allow the student access to test content. Test Accommodations Coordinators will receive training from ACT in fall 2015 to assist them in navigating the accommodations approval process. Questions about accommodations should be directed to ACT at 800-55301788 or by email at ACTStateAccoms@act.org.